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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In Re the Application of: Kenneth E. DeLine

Serial Number:

Filed:

Title: Self-Interlocking Hanger System

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

Assignee: Venture Management Alliance, LLC

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**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

This Declaration is made by Kenneth E. DeLine.

I, Kenneth E. DeLine, hereby declare:

- I am a citizen of the United States of America and that my residence and mailing address is 1720 Lindenwood Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed, described and for which a patent is sought on the invention now entitled "Self-Interlocking Hanger System" the specification of which has been provided to me at or prior to the time of signing this declaration. I have reviewed and understand the contents of this specification as above entitled, including any claims.

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I also believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter:

- United States Application Number 60/402,117, filed August 8, 2002, entitled "Self-Interlocking Hanger System";

I hereby claim the priority to and benefit of United States Application Number 60/402,117, filed August 8, 2002, under Title 35, United States Code §119; and declare there are no foreign applications having a filing date before that of the applications on which priority is claimed.

I hereby declare that the specification and disclosure herein submitted are intended to include disclosure or claims directed to, individually or in combination: embodiments of the invention which may encompass a device, apparatus, method, process, or business method; embodiments of the invention which may encompass permutations or combinations of any aspects of the invention; any aspect of the invention conceived or developed as separate inventions; and any aspect of the invention independent of any initial context considered as preferred embodiments. I also authorize and support this application for patent protection in the United States, and for similar protection in foreign countries, each to be sought to the extent or breadth any owner desires or deems appropriate. I acknowledge that each of the attorneys and the firm filing this application is/are attorneys for the assignee, Venture Management Alliance, LLC, only.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby grant the firm of Santangelo Law Offices, P.C., the power to insert on this Declaration or any other document any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to indicate filing information or to comply with the rules of the United States Patent Office or any foreign patent office for recordation of this document, including, but not limited to, inserting the application number, the execution date, mailing information, or the filing date of the above-identified United States Patent Application based upon the Invention.

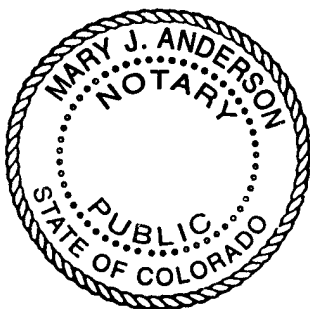
Date: August 8, 2003

Kenneth E. DeLine  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
STATE OF COLORADO )ss.  
COUNTY OF LARIMER )

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me in the County of Larimer, State of Colorado,  
United States of America, by Kenneth E. DeLine, this 8 day of August, 2003.

WITNESS my hand and official seal pursuant to the authority vested in me as a Notary  
Public by the State of Colorado.



Mary J. Anderson  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 9/01/03

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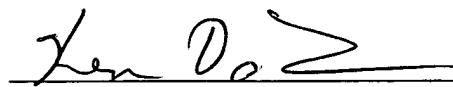
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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I, Kenneth E. DeLine, as Manager of Venture Management Alliance, LLC, hereby appoint Santangelo Law Offices, P.C., whose mailing address is 125 South Howes, Third Floor, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521, including Luke Santangelo, whose registration number before the United States Patent and Trademark Office is 31,997, Craig R. Miles, whose registration number before the United States Patent and Trademark Office is 45,954, Chad C. Soliz, whose registration number before the United States Patent and Trademark Office is 47,101, Alfred K. Wiedmann Jr., whose registration number before the United States Patent and Trademark Office is 48,033, and Nicole A. Ressue, whose registration number before the United States Patent and Trademark Office is 48,665, as Venture Management Alliance, LLC's attorneys to prosecute this application entitled "Self-Interlocking Hanger System" and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith. The undersigned grants the firm of Santangelo Law Offices, P.C., the power to insert on any document filed in this matter any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to indicate filing information or to comply with the rules of the United States Patent Office or any foreign patent office for recordation of this document, including, but not limited to, inserting the application number, the execution date, mailing information, or the filing date of the above-identified United States Patent Application based upon the Invention. The undersigned also acknowledges that the attorneys appointed are attorneys for the assignee, Venture Management Alliance, LLC, only.

Dated this 8 day of August, 2003.

By:

  
Kenneth E. DeLine, Manager  
Venture Management Alliance, LLC

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**STATEMENT ESTABLISHING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN)**

I, Kenneth E. DeLine, as Manager of Venture Management Alliance, LLC, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.27(c) state that the following facts are true:

1. I am Manager of Venture Management Alliance, LLC, as defined in Colorado Revised Statute 7-80-204. As such, I am empowered to act on behalf of the Assignee.
2. As set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.27(a)(2), Venture Management Alliance, LLC, is an entity whose number of employees, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons and which has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the subject matter of the enclosed Patent Application to another entity that does not qualify under small entity status. Accordingly, Venture Management Alliance, LLC appears to qualify as a small business concern as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.27(a)(2).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated this 8 day of August, 2003.

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken DeLine", written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth E. DeLine, Manager  
Venture Management Alliance, LLC